

Unusual Historic Interest Is Attached To The Main Water Routes Of Northern Canada

Practically speaking all the main water routes of Canada have been travelled for a century or more. The veil that for so long obscured the movements of the early travellers and traders is being slowly lifted by modern surveyors and with the progress of organized mapping methods almost limitless lands of scenic beauty, rich in resources, are revealing themselves with the stage all set for an era which will be theirs, the area of northern development.

In the new Pelican Narrows map, Provisional Edition, National Topographic Series, embracing 5,500 square miles on a scale of four miles to the inch, presently released from the presses of the Topographical Survey, Department of the Interior, at Ottawa, another segment of their surprising inheritance is brought to the notice of Canadians.

This map is featured by the Churchill River, with the famous trade route, 261 miles long, from the Pas by Sturgeon River to the Churchill, over Frog Portage, cutting the southern portion in two. The Reindeer River, which is the canoe route leading to Reindeer Lake, divides the northern half.

As long ago as 1775, Joseph Frohisher, of Montreal, Northwest Company fur-trader, discovered the Sturgeon River route from the Cumberland past Pelican Narrows to Frog Portage on the Churchill, which has remained ever since the main waterway leading to the northern interior and the great Mackenzie Basin.

Frohisher was so successful in his first year's trading that he was unable to carry away all the furs he acquired. In 1776, Alexander Henry, the elder, and the Frohisher brothers built a post at this point, and that year obtained 12,000 beaver skins from the Indians "besides large numbers of other and marketable furs."

Peter Pond, also from Montreal, followed Frohisher's route to Frog Portage in 1778, and eventually reached Lake Athabasca. His map of 1785, said to have been made for the Empress of Russia, is the first one that shows the Churchill from its source to its mouth.

After Pond came those distinguished forerunners of the surveyors of today, Philip Turner, surveyor for the Hudson's Bay Company, in charge of a survey party with Malcolm Ross as his assistant surveyed the Sturgeon River up to Pelican Narrows, and on to Frog Portage in 1791, and from thence made a track survey of the Churchill to its source. His report is in the head office of the company in London. His sketch map was incorporated in Arrowsmith's map of North America.

David Thompson, greatest surveyor of them all, travelled the country embraced in the Pelican Narrows sheet in 1796, and surveyed the portion of the Churchill thereon to the mouth of the Reindeer River, and the Reindeer itself to Reindeer Lake, which lies off the map to the north. Below the junction of the Reindeer and Churchill the Indians report the remains of an old trading post, supposed to be the Fairford House built by Thompson.

Another famous explorer-surveyor, Peter Fidler, between 1807 and 1809, repeated Thompson's survey of the Reindeer and the portion of the Churchill in the newly-mapped.

For nearly seventy years afterwards, until the late Dr. Robert Bell reported on it, the Upper Churchill was ignored by geographers. With the issue of the Lac la Ronge, Pelican Narrows and Klissling map sheets by the Topographical Survey, 14 years after Peter Pond's first crude map, this portion of the river is completely and accurately mapped for the first time.

Today, as in the old days, when travellers were almost wholly dependent upon it, the fishing never fails. Sturgeon, whitefish, lake trout, pickerel and pike plentifully populate the bewildering waterways of connecting lakes and rivers.

And still the furs pour down the

amphibian way from the Arctic to the Saskatchewan with the Pelican Narrows "fur garden," as Malcolm McLeod called it, adding its quota by the way. Romance has not departed from the region, even though the light-shouldered canoes of birch bark guided by electric-eyed Indians have been replaced by the cedar or canvas canoe of the modern surveyor, prospector and fur trader.

During the migrations from the breeding grounds near Hudson Bay the innumerable lakes swarmed with geese and ducks, Pelicans and cormorants breed in the tract, nesting in great numbers on small rocky islets.

Across from Frog Portage a solitary settler raises grain and vegetables. Here he has constructed a primitive grist mill, the second one on the Churchill, the other having been burnt over half a century ago at Stanley, located as shown on the Lac la Ronge map sheet.

About the time that Warren Hastings began peeling the East Indian Empire together, in the second year that saw the battle of Bunker Hill, and while Captain Cook was opening the way for British colonies in the Southern Seas, the Pelican Narrows country was traversed by Frohisher. Such as it was then it remains today, except that the wandering Indians have been more or less segregated on their several Indian Reserves on Pelican, Wood and Minron Lakes and around the Pelican Narrows post of the Hudson's Bay Company, where is one of the largest settlements east of Athabasca. At this point, too, there is a Royal Canadian Mounted Police barracks.

A good deal of water has flowed down the Hudson Bay in the century and a half, and on its tide many millions of dollars' worth of furs. Wild, as it looks, studded with lakes and threaded with greater and lesser streams, yet this 5,500 square miles of territory has contributed its share to the commerce of the country. Minerals, timber and fishing resources are yet untouched and so are the water powers, with the exception that on Island Falls now being developed.

Demand For Silver Fox

Has Become Most Popular Fur The World Over

What is the most popular fur among the world's women folk? According to Canadian breeders it is the silver fox, for the demand has risen by phenomenal leaps and bounds. A statement has been issued by the Canadian Silver Fox Breeders' Association to the effect that last year no fewer than 58,000 foxes belonging to its 6,000 members were inspected in all parts of the Dominion. The industry is now declared to be so well established that it is not very much affected by booms or depressions and is solidly based upon a steady market for Canada's furs the world over. Fox farming is therefore becoming one of the most popular and profitable of the minor industries in the Dominion. Live foxes raised on Prince Edward Island farms sold last year at prices ranging from 600 to \$300 per pair, those from families with exceptionally high pelts reaching, of course, much more.

Qualified For Society

Lindbergh Has Been Admitted Into National Society Of Long Fellows

Lindbergh, the lone Atlantic flier, has achieved another distinction—he has been admitted into the National Society of Long Fellows. To qualify, one must be at least 6 feet 1 inch tall. One Los Angeles man qualified with a height of 8 feet 9 inches. Two years ago the society was started, and it already has 3,000 members, who are striving for longer baths, higher awnings, signs and, ceilings, restaurant tables that do not require "long fellows" to hold them up with their knees, and beds that do not double them up.

Only One He Knew

A teacher had been telling an infants' class about the ten commandments. In order to test their memories he asked: "Can any one give me a commandment containing only four words?"

A hand was raised immediately. "Well?" said the teacher. "Keep off the grass," said the youngster.

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(By Annabelle Worthington)

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Poultry Improvement Work

Quality Of Stock Being Gradually Improved In Some Sections

Illustration stations distributed over the country and operated under the direction of the experimental farm, at Ottawa, are having a fine influence on the improvement of poultry. In the Eastern Quebec stations four years ago, there were only 375 purebred birds kept on the twenty stations then in operation. In the report of the chief supervisor of the stations, for 1925, published by the Department of Agriculture, at Ottawa, it is shown that last year 1,050 of the 1,900 birds kept on twenty-two stations in the same part of the country were purebred and principally of the Barred Plymouth Rock breed.

The securing of these better birds has induced a number of the operators and adjoining farmers to improve their housing accommodation. On some of the farms houses have been built to accommodate 250 birds, and on other farms old buildings have been remodelled making needed improvements in light and ventilation. The quality of the stock is being gradually improved by utilizing more and more purebred cockfosters from stock which has produced 200 eggs or more in a year.

This work has so improved flocks as to make them breeding centres for the districts in which they are situated. During the year under review, there were sold from these stations for breeding purposes 510 cockerels and 489 pullets. There were also sold 1,631 settings of hatching eggs.

Just Another Fallacy

Candy And Other Sweets Do Not Injure Teeth

Are you one of those who still cling to the belief that such things as molasses, maple syrup, sugar and candy are injurious to the teeth and thus should not be given in quantity to children?

If so, banish the idea to the place where you have cast the equally silly notions that tomatoes will produce cancer, and oranges make your body acid.

Scientists are proving that teeth are built up or worn down largely from within. Food is, of course, very important—but chiefly as it enters the blood stream. A well-balanced diet in which there is an abundance of calcium is the best assurance of a good set of teeth.

As for candy and other sweets making the teeth ache, that is a different story altogether. Teeth ache because they have cavities and need attention—and something sweet is the greatest little warning friend one could think of.

A well-known physician recently fed several puppies with large amounts of the sugar called glucose for three years and no decay appeared in their teeth. So don't worry about your teeth when you eat something sweet. If a nerve is struck visit the dentist, and thank the piece of candy for warning you in time to catch a small cavity rather than the large one which would have developed so quickly.

"So he isn't interested in antiques any more?"

"No, not since one sued him for breach of promise."

Some of the canoes built by the first race of Hawaiians could carry 50 men.

Province Wide Campaign Is Conducted In Manitoba For Promotion Of Oral Hygiene

Mouth health is a matter of romance. Evidence of this fact is contained in a public health report, just issued, which departs from the customary stereotyped phraseology to reveal a thrilling story.

Report of the Manitoba Mouth Health Campaign, issued by the Canadian Dental Hygiene Council is, in brief, a synopsis of a province-wide drive for the promotion of oral hygiene. An effort, organized, primarily, by the council issuing the report, it developed into co-operative campaign, under the supervision of the Manitoba Dental Association, and under the auspices of the provincial departments of health and education, with the assistance of the Red Cross, and the active aid of practically every public welfare body throughout the length and breadth of Manitoba, which from Emerson to The Pas was zoned.

Local committees appointed, and the dentists of the province gave their skill, time and whole-hearted enthusiasm to the task. The examinations were individual, each child getting a chart, a list of personal suggestions and professional advice gratis.

In a manner of speaking, this service was a paradoxical one. Its purpose was to eliminate in the rising generation, the dental ill-health prevalent in this one, to the treating and remedying of which, naturally, these same men devote their careers.

But the romance comes largely from one special aspect of the affair. In the sparsely-settled sections of the north were many children far beyond the services of a regular dentist. To these, of course, knowledge of the principles of oral hygiene so that they might forestall unhealthy conditions was of extreme importance. But there was the further question of treating existing cases badly in need of it and not only too far from the ordinary professional aid but also, very often, without the financial means to secure it if it were available.

For these, most of them new Canadians from lands where dental hygiene received scant attention—a free travelling clinic was put into operation and over 1,200 children received treatment.

The dentist in charge, Dr. Frank Livingstone, describes his trip, to these scattered communities in a series of vignettes which are, of themselves, not only a fine piece of writing but also a striking picture of the modern Canadian pioneer.

He tells of it's arrival in a tiny Icelandic community where a boarding house parlor is to be his operating room.

"School children, literally vanguard of them from the surrounding country," he said, "a swift examination, then a question or two, a slow injection of anaesthetic. This is the first experience of dentistry for any of these children, and one must be careful not to startle them. A brief dismissal and the next one. A cavity is cut out and the filling placed. Time now to extract for the first one. A few words of encouragement and explanation. A few seconds' swift work. Then, 'Hurt?' 'No.' 'Fine. Good stuff in you, boy,' and confidence has been established. A satisfied child is away to show the place where an old offender has been and explain his sensations to admiring mates."

"A cold winter morning and the mixed train has deposited dentist and equipment at yet another town. Here we set up office in the kitchen of a newly-built Women's Institute and Nursing Service Cottage. The children are waiting from the country, brought in in little catters with houses built on them, complete even to a small warming stove. This is a fish shipping district and the people are wise in the ways of winter travel."

"Evenings spent in the dispensary," he says of another stop, "where the thin walls mock the huge log-burning stove, and where one needs must wear over-shoes indoors to keep the bodily heat in. Talks of travel and books and cases."

The travelling clinic reaches an outpost hospital.

"Another service station for humanity. A place of hope, the centre of community life and a haven working in the tremendous mass of foreign born surrounding it. A place where children came in hundreds, walking miles through blinding snow, by team, by train, in groups sheltered by district mothers and nurses. Came, and came, and came, seeking relief and hurrying away to find a little sister or brother."

"Cases! Six-year-olds with abscesses draining through the neck. Thanks be for ether and the resident physician. Chewing on nerves that had suffered so long they had grown out of the tooth and hardened themselves with a tissue coat to stand the shock of mastication. Teeth twisted and turned

and appearing in almost all places in the mouth and all stages of decay. Cases!"

At another town, the dentist pulled in at midnight to find the school teacher waiting for him.

"An extra sized toboggan was produced and the kit piled on it. Many were the laughs we had later of that pull through the snow in the pitch dark. To this day, he persists that one of us was going north and the other south inside the rope that would have done credit as a hawser for an ocean liner. This time, a log cabin to work in with a bedroom as a waiting room."

"And Saturday night. Two other crosses on the dining room table," he notes of another small community, "and the generous assistance of a mother next door. Later when the little patients were sleeping soundly again and away to bed, a game of cards on the same table. Such are the contrasts of life."

On Sunday, a Ruthenian father and mother called with a little lot of five, one of the worst cases on the entire itinerary.

"Again the ether bottle appears," says the dentist, "and while the father hovers fearfully in the next room, despite words of encouragement, the case is cleared up. Soon the little one is explaining in a foreign tongue, all her sensations to her relieved parent."

A side trip in a worn motor had its own excitement. "We came the last few miles on the rim with the dent at part time on the running board to keep the old car balanced and out of the ditch. Never did a warm stove look better at the five a.m. journey's end."

"And for a fitting climax to the trip was the last ride through a fair imitation of a blizzard over trails and ice-covered muskeg."

These picturesque incidents, picked at random from the report, show why it is stated, in the introduction, that "a campaign of this type must be a vital contributing factor in nation-building."

Improving Herds and Flocks

Building Up Dairy Herds and Developing Good Types Of Livestock

On illustration stations operated by the Dominion Department of Agriculture as a part of the experimental farms system, considerable attention is being directed to building up dairy herds on the stations and to developing good types of livestock. The majority of the station operators are using purebred sires and many of the dairy and mixed farmers are keeping individual milk records and making butter-fat determinations in order to determine the production of each animal.

A study of the years production of milk and fat on the different stations has revealed the need of the adoption of improved methods. In his report for last year the supervisor of the illustration stations, published by the Department of Agriculture, at Ottawa, it is stated that the average production of butter-fat varies from 468 pounds to 121 pounds on the different stations. Indeed, on one of the farms it was found that the average yield per cow was only 74 pounds of butter-fat. These results show the need, and possibilities, of systematic breeding and selection.

On many of the stations the herds and flocks have been so built up as to make them valuable sources of breeding stock for the farmers in the district. During the past year it is noted by Mr. Moynan, the supervisor, that the operators of illustration stations sold 260 head of cattle, 301 hogs, and 202 sheep for breeding purposes.

Was Servant Of Dickens

Elizabeth Eastwood, a former servant of Charles Dickens, died recently at Burnt House Farm, Higham, England. She was 82 years old. The only other surviving servant of Dickens is a one-time page boy, who lives in London.

The earth's sensible atmosphere extends upward for about 100 miles.



"Yes, Albert has drawn an awful picture."

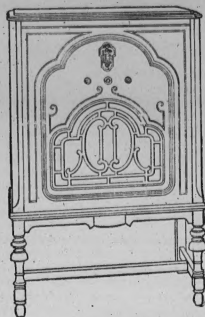
"Only one!"—Buen Humor, Madrid.



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"Then, why have we paid to come in?"—Hummel, Hamburg.

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An Inventive Genius

Necessity is the mother of invention and the hungry Frenchman told about in a biography recently published in England illustrates the old adage anew.

He was in an English restaurant, and wanted eggs for breakfast, but had forgotten the English word. So he got around the difficulty in the following way:

"Vaiterre, vat is dat valking in the yard?"
"A rooster, sir."
"Ah! and vat you call de rooster's wife?"
"The hen, sir."
"And vat you call de children of de rooster and his wife?"
"Chicken's sir."
"But vat you call de chicken before dey are chicken?"
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WEEKLY LETTER FROM THE CAPITAL

Edmonton, Dec. 4.—The civic campaign in the Capital promises to afford lots of interest this week. The candidates for the mayor's seat and the aldermanic vacancies are planning a whirlwind close to the contest and meetings to promulgate their interests are being held every night and in all sections of the city. Predictions might be odious and wide of the result, but it is safe to say there will be some surprises and disappointments.

Premier Brownlee is on his way to Ottawa where he will discuss the question of the return of the natural resources to Alberta with Premier King and the members of the federal cabinet. A settlement of this vexed question is likely to be reached along the same lines as that concluded with the Manitoba government. Premier Anderson of Saskatchewan is also expected to reach Ottawa on a similar mission and some sort of agreement between the provinces involving similar claims for the resources question is likely to result.

Preparations are going ahead for the opening of the air mail service to Akavik from Edmonton. Mail mater is gathering and accumulating in large quantities for the north and there will be a record load for the first plane to carry. Two thousand pounds of regular mail are awaiting the fliers. It has been announced that business mail will take precedence over the special mail sent by stamp collectors or advertisers for the first trip. Much interest is taken here in this important development which means so much to the speedy opening up of the north country's resources.

A matter of great interest and importance to the whole of Alberta is the announcement this week of the success of a new process for distilling oils from the McMurray Tar Sands. The process is one in which oils can be taken from these vast tar sands in commercial quantities. By the application of direct oil, gasoline and kerosene can be extracted from the sands.

Again hold-up men have been busy in Edmonton and the police are actively on the path of thugs who threaten the peace and safety of the city's streets. M. Rust, confectionery store proprietor, found himself faced with a revolver in the hands of a man who demanded that his victim "stick 'em up" Wednesday night. Walking into the store while Mr. Rust was alone there the man pointed the gun at him and demanded his cash. Quick as a flash the confectioner grabbed a piece of iron pipe from under the counter and came round to meet his assailant. The hold-up man was not prepared for such resistance and fled precipitately from the store. Mr. Rust was held up a year ago in his store and believed it was by the same man. He had the pipe in readiness for just such an emergency and proved its value.

News from Ottawa received by the government this week have put fresh heart into the coal industry. The railway commission has extended the term for shipments of Alberta coal to Ontario at the lower freight rates to December 1st which gives the mines more than a month longer in which to ship their product to the East.

Announcement has been made that a gathering of Alberta conservatives will be held in Calgary at the Palliser hotel on January 11 for the purpose of organizing and choosing a leader to carry the party standard in succession to A. A. McGillivray.

Junkman: "Any rags, paper, old iron?"
Man of the House (angrily): "No, my wife's away."
Junkman: "Any bottles?"

Satirical Lady
"So you want a divorce, Raatus?"
"Yes, suh, judge, yo' honah—Ah sho'ly does."
"What's the trouble?"
"Count ob ma wife makin' an ironical remark."
"An ironical remark?"
"Yes, suh—she says if you don't go to work, I'll hit you in the face wid dis flat-iron."

"Ezra, tomorrow is our twenty-fifth wedding anniversary; hadn't we better kill a chicken?"
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"Two weeks."
"What am de charge?"
"No charge, everything am free."
"Ah mean, what has you did?"
"Done shot my wife."
"You killed yo' wife and only in jail for two weeks?"
"Dat's all—then I gets 'hung."

If you pay as you go these days you stay at home.

A careful observer says, know all you tell, but don't tell all you know.

The story is told on a newly wedded couple of Jarrow on their honeymoon trip that when the train they were on came out of a tunnel he said: "If I'd known that tunnel was so long I'd have kissed you." "Heaven! Wasn't that you?" she exclaimed.

"It says in this magazine that the chemical constituents of a man are worth 98 cents," said a local lady to her husband. "Yes, and it confirms the report that the women folks are great bargain hunters," he replied.

Heard at the schoolhouse: Teacher: "Can you tell me one of the uses of cow hide?" Small Boy, "Er—yes, ma'am. It keeps the cow together."

Heard at the ladies social: "Is your husband the sort you can depend on?" "He certainly is. When he says he's going to stay out late, he stays."

Customer—"I want a pair of sperm-rimmed spectacles—I mean sperm-rimmed spectacles—I mean sperm-rimmed spectacles."
Shopwalker—"I know what you mean, sir. Mr. Perkins, show this gentleman a pair of rim-sporned spectacles."

GRAIN ALLIANCE WITH CANADA IS FAVORED BY U. S.

Ottawa, Dec. 4th: (Special to The News)—While the various Canadian wheat pool and their selling organization are actually at free of Government authority as any private interests in the trade, members of the Government are following with close interest the steps being taken by the National Farm Grain Corporation in the United States to effect a selling alliance with Canada.

The U. S. organization has the sanction of and is financed by the Government of that country. Its officers have concluded that a close working alliance with Canada is the effective answer to threats from abroad that overseas purchasers will attempt reprisals against pool selling.

George Melvor, manager of the Canadian wheat pool, has already conferred with the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry, and the aims of the organization to stabilize grain prices are identical with those of the Federal Farm Board.

No fear of increased prices need be felt by European grain consumers through the stabilizing operations of the Farmers' National Grain Corporation, Grain Member Samuel R. McKelvie of the Federal Farm Board declares.

The policy of the Farmers' National Grain Corporation is not one of price fixing, he said, but of stabilization of prices at a level of fair return to the producers. This will be accomplished, Mr. McKelvie stated, by bringing into play market steady influences to maintain an even flow of grain to the market.

It is expected, he said, however, that the grain corporation, with a strong export selling organization, will reverse the foreign market situation of the American grain farmer hitherto prevailing.

Senator S. W. Brookhart of Iowa says that the United States and Canada control 60 per cent of the world wheat crop, and there is no reason why a plan of orderly wheat and other grain marketing should not be worked out successfully between them despite any purchasing alliance formed by European consuming nations. Reprisal plans by the European wheat consuming countries would be a threat to buy first the wheat of unorganized growers in Southern Hemisphere countries, Mr. Brookhart stated, and to leave the grain of nations who are maintaining price stabilizing organizations until all other requirements have been met.

Because of the large percentage of the world wheat crop grown by Canada and the United States, he said, and because of the way the world crop comes seasonably to market, this plan cannot be successful.

The international trade in grain is a seasonal movement, he said. Europe cannot maintain a position of withholding purchases from the North American continent, because in season there is no other place to go for the grain.

Here and There

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Thirteen first prizes in apples, one first in pears and four seconds in apples were awarded to Canadian exhibitors at the Imperial Fruit Show recently held at Bingley Hall, Birmingham, England. Eight of the first prizes were won by Nova Scotia growers, five of them by Chas. A. Bentley, of Berwick, N. S.

Four hunters from New York State saw 153 moose during the ten days of October they spent hunting in Alberta County, New Brunswick, with headquarters at the camps owned and operated by Guide Charles C. Dixon, of Alma, according to a report made by R. D. Stowell, of Alder, N. Y., who headed the party, to the New Brunswick Government Bureau of Information and Tourist Travel.

Contract for building a 5,500,000 bushel grain elevator at Prescott, Ontario, on the St. Lawrence has recently been let by the Canadian Government. Its cost will be about \$3,100,000 and construction must be completed by August 1, 1930. It is hoped it will be ready before the Welland Canal, built at a cost of \$20,000,000 is opened before next year's grain harvest in Western Canada begins.

Official report on employment in Canada, states that in October of this year conditions were exceptionally satisfactory. Reports from 702 employers with staffs totaling 1,089,583 persons, showed employment at 125, based on the average for the calendar year as 100. This is the highest on record for the time of year and compares with 118.8 for October 1, 1928.

World-wide interest is being attracted by the Canadian Pacific plans to include Honolulu as a port of call on west-bound voyages of its White Empress fleet, commencing in December. Grant Hall, vice-president of the Railway, stated at Vancouver recently. Though taking these ships a little out of their course to Yokohama, it will still leave them their supremacy as making the fastest run between this continent and the Orient, he added.

Three functions of interest which are expected to attract hundreds of Canadian and American tourists will be staged in Victoria in the next three months. They are the Jubilee Music Festival in December, the Sea Song Festival in January, both held at the Empress Hotel, and the second annual mid-winter golf tournament in February which had so outstanding a success last winter.

The 300 odd inhabitants of Foremost, Alberta, claim it as one of the busiest communities of Western Canada. In the past two years it has shipped more than 3,500,000 bushels of grain, mostly wheat. The village is also progressive in its educational and sports facilities.

Shipments of oilseed oil from the west coast of Vancouver Island are increasing yearly. One vessel recently took 650 tons in bulk destined for Europe, where margarine is still a staple diet. Sometimes whale oil is used as a substitute for richard oil in the manufacture of margarine.

"The destinies of Canada and Japan lie together in the great Pacific Ocean," declared Hon. Iyemasa Tokugawa, K.C.V.O., first minister for the Emperor of Japan, when he reached Dominion soil here with the arrival of the Canadian Pacific liner Empress of France, at Vancouver recently. He was accompanied by Togo Fukuma, Japanese Consul-General, both of them being on their way to Ottawa, where the former later delivered his credentials.

What is regarded as a record movement was made recently at the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool Elevator No. 7 at Port Arthur, when in 48 hours, 550,000 bushels of wheat were transferred from the elevator to the hold of the steamship Le Moyne. There were periods during the loading of the ship when the wheat was carried like a torrential golden river from the elevator at the rate of 2,666 bushels per minute.

Fifty different steamship lines now serve to carry Canadian products to every continent from the port of Vancouver, states a recent trade review issued by the Royal Bank of Canada. The review adds that in a period when the other great ports have had difficulty in maintaining their pre-war volume of trade, traffic through the port of Vancouver has experienced steady growth. From 132 ocean-going ships in 1913, the number increased to 1,341 in 1928. During the past year total trade of the port had a value of \$260,000,000.

The largest sugar beet crop on record in Southern Alberta is being harvested in the Raymond district, centre of the industry. About 8,500 acres were sown to sugar beets in 1928, and the crop will on estimate yield about 15,000 tons or 25,000 above last year's production.

Cable advices from London state that Captain Ronald Stuart, V.C., D.S.O., U.S.N.C., R.N.R., commander of the Canadian Pacific liner "Duchess of York" has been officially selected to attend the Armistice Day ceremonies at the Cenotaph in London. Captain Stuart is one of the youngest liner captains on the North Atlantic and the only passenger ship captain to wear the Victoria Cross. It is expected that he will also be present at the Prince of Wales' dinner to V.C.s.

VIKING

The Viking Senior hockey club members held their first meeting of the season on Tuesday evening in the Fitzmaurice & Keley office. Quite a number of players and enthusiasts turned out to boost Canada's great winter sport.

Dr. Saunders was elected manager and coach, Dr. Richardson assistant coach, Harry Lawes, secretary-treasurer.

It was decided to have a league within the city limits, including a country team from Mooresville. It is likely that there will be at least three teams in the league that will play for a trophy that will be awarded the winners in the final playoff.

A team will be selected from the league to play outside towns. All hockey players are asked to turn out to the first practice notice of which will be given by the management.

The local Elks hall was the scene of a very impressive ceremony last Sunday afternoon, when the annual memorial service in honor of departed brethren was held. Promptly at three o'clock the exalted ruler of the lodge, J. L. Clinton and other officers took their places on the platform and opened the services with the memorial ritual, which was followed by a violin and piano selection, "Trauer" by Messrs. Metcalf and Collins. The audience then joined in the opening ode after which the invocation was said by J. McLellan. The Secretary, T. H. Metcalf reported that two brothers did not answer the roll call, and they were the late Dr. McLeod and J. Evans. After another hymn was sung by the audience, Rev. Dr. Loydall-Bee gave the memorial address in which he recalled the virtues of the departed brethren, and admonished his hearers to so live as to be ever ready to answer the final summons. He gave a very fine lesson from the biblical story of the love of Jonathan for David, which was a shining example of loyalty and friendship, and is one of the cardinal principles of Elkdom.

"Ave Maria" a violin and piano selection by Messrs. Metcalf and Collins, was well rendered, after which C. G. Davis read Bryan's celebrated poem, "Thanatopsis." A contralto solo, "One Sweetly Solemn Thought," by Mrs. Metcalf, was well received. Another hymn by the audience, and the closing ceremonies by the officers of the lodge, with national anthem and benediction, the services were concluded.

The curling season was officially opened on Tuesday evening when the president versus vice-president competition commenced. When the games were finished the president's side was three points to the good. The ice was in good shape, the lights were bright, and the rink as a whole presented a cheerful and neat appearance.

The Senior C. G. I. T. group gave a farewell party last Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. B. Hilliker in honour of Miss Olive Runyon who left Monday for the city. An enjoyable evening was had by all. After a delicious lunch Irene Farnham gave a farewell address followed by a presentation of a small gift by Dorothy Jones. The party closed with "Taps."

A quiet wedding was solemnized last evening last when Miss Anne Doris Holden was united in wedlock to Mr. Cyril Roach of this city, at the home of Rev. H. J. Boettcher. Miss Roach and Messrs. F. H. Westram and Ronald Roach witnessed the ceremony.

Miss Doris is the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Doris of Holden, Alberta. The bride is well and favorably known in that community. Mr. Roach is a native of Montreal. He came to Edmonton with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Roach, about fifteen years ago.

The happy couple left on the same night on the C.P.R. for a short honeymoon. They will make their home in Calgary—Edmonton Journal.

Up until recently both parties were employed locally and made a host of friends who join in extending congratulations and good wishes.

As we go to press we learn of the death of Mrs. Ole Amundsen in the local hospital this morning. Funeral services will be held on Friday afternoon at the Anglican Church.

Henry Gavert and daughter Miss Evelyn, and Mr. and Mrs. C. Gravert are leaving on a motor tour to Long Beach, California, on Thursday of this week, where they will spend the winter months.

A number of members of Connaught Lodge A. F. & A. M. attended a district meeting at Wainwright on Monday.

W. F. Goodwin fell on the sidewalk on Saturday and sprained his ankle which kept him at home for a few days.

Miss Florence Gibbons, of Innisfree, was a guest at the home of her sister, Mrs. Chester Gravert here last week.



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WORLD HAPPENINGS BRIEFLY TOLD

Western Canada's visible wheat supply on November 15 of this year, showed an increase of more than twenty-five million bushels over that of a year ago.

The United States has notified Great Britain of its acceptance of January 21 as the date for the first meeting of the London naval conference.

Dr. Isai Sylvester, said to be the oldest practicing physician in Canada, died at his home in Sorel, Quebec, at the age of 83. He has been practicing medicine since 1867.

The trip to the British West Indies of their Excellencies, the Governor-General and Lady Willingdon, while designed primarily as a rest and holiday, assumes also the aspect of a good-will journey.

Miss May Thornley, one of the best known temperance workers in Canada, is dead at the age of 71. She had been several times president of the Dominion Women's Christian Temperance Union.

The French government has sent its official acceptance to the invitation of the British government to participate in the five-power naval conference opening in London on January 21.

Leaders of the New Turkey have commenced to start observance of the Sabbath on the Christian Sunday instead of Friday, thus severing another of the ties which bind that nation to the Moslem world.

Honoring Dr. Augusta Stowe Gullen, the first woman to graduate in medicine from a Canadian University, the Medical Alumni of the University of Toronto and other women physicians have had a portrait painted of her.

Meaning Of Totem Poles

Used By Indians As Monument Of Important Events

Boy Scouts and Girl Guides use the word Totem without, perhaps, quite realizing its origin and meaning. Totem poles are used by many native tribes in various parts of the world as monuments of important events and tombstones of the dead. To the Alaskan Indians, however, the totem pole stands for the ancestral spirit from whom he believes his tribe is descended, and it is connected with all his religious and social beliefs.

Substitute For Tunnel

A vast double dam across the English Channel between Deal, England, and Calais, France, carrying two railway tracks, an automobile road and providing a ship canal, has been suggested by Jules Jaeger, Swiss engineer, as a substitute for the proposed underground channel tunnel.

Farmer (on the track of poultry thieves): "Now, you hear what I sez, Joe. If anything moves you shoot."

Joe (dragged into the business): "Aye—an if anything shoots—I move!"

Hubby—I've just paid the doctor the last money owed on his bill. Wife—That's fine, dear. Now the baby's ours.

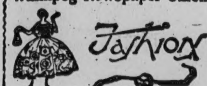
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New Medical Arts Building

According to a notice of incorporation in the Alberta Gazette, a new Medical Arts Building is to be erected in the Alberta capital at a cost of about \$125,000.

A perfect violin made by a Peterborough, Ontario, artist, is 4 ins. long, weighs a quarter of an ounce, and has ninety-nine separate parts.

May Export Gas To United States

Alternative Proposition Is To Convey Surplus Gas From Alberta To Saskatchewan Points

While the special federal commission investigating the problem of disposing of the enormous surplus of Turner Valley natural gas has not yet reported, intimations are being broadcast that the report will favor export of the surplus to United States points south of the international border in Montana.

If the commission reports to that effect, there is sure to be a outcry from c'tives in Saskatchewan which are looking anxiously for a supply of natural gas from over the Alberta border.

The nearest market on the American side of the line is Great Falls, Montana, some 100 miles south of the end of the natural gas line from Calgary to Bow Island. Oil companies and gas companies producing natural gas who wish to market it argue that this is much closer than any possible market in Saskatchewan.

On the other hand, it is known that the Roth interests are drilling for gas in the Cypress Hills on the Alberta-Saskatchewan border line. Already one big blow has been struck there. If sufficient field is uncovered it is the intention of Roth and his associates to construct a 300-m. pipeline to Swift Current, Moose Jaw and Regina. This is not an excessive distance as the total mileage of the Calgary-Turner Valley-Bow Island system is already more than 200 miles.

Another factor is that if the gas line were constructed from Cypress Hills to Moose Jaw and Regina, the Turner Valley surplus could then easily be used as another link of only about 40 miles between Cypress Hills and Foremost would tie in the proposed Saskatchewan gas distribution system with the existing Alberta system. Even though the cost might be somewhat more than the cost of exporting gas to Montana, it would mean that the immense Canadian natural resource of natural gas would be enjoyed by Canadians.

Big Mineral Discovery

Deposit Of Copper and Nickel Ore Attracting Attention To Saskatchewan

The whisper of a great discovery has gone out all across the Canadian west, and the representatives of mining organizations large and small are endeavoring to ascertain the spot in northern Saskatchewan where the Dominion Explorers, Ltd., are reported to have made what appears to be the mineral discovery of the current year.

Members of the Dominion Explorers Organization have been brought in from different areas and have been flying away in one fixed direction, and the indications are the discoverers will have themselves all fortified in regard to holdings in the new district before rival claim-stakers may appear.

Dominion Explorers being a Lindley organization, has had the experience of dealing with big mineral deposits. Sheritt-Gordon has been a case in point where the mineral bearing fractures extend possibly two to three miles in length. In regard to the deposit and the particularly great length—the surface being a close duplicate of Sheritt-Gordon—with the exception that whereas Sheritt-Gordon is copper and zinc, the deposit located by Dominion Explorers is copper and nickel.

Samples of the ore from the new discovery have been examined. These samples having been taken from surface where gossan lies heavy and where work has not yet reached entirely below the leached zone are extremely impressive and something which would justify the discoverers in rounding out for themselves a holding of at least 15 to 20 square miles.

Pitchard Oil Shipments

Shipments of pitchard oil from the west coast of Vancouver Island are increasing yearly. One vessel recently took 600 tons in bulk destined for Europe, where margarine is still a staple diet. Sometimes whale oil is used as a substitute for pitchard oil in the manufacture of margarine.

The 1920 United States census shows that less than one in 2,000 persons in this country are blind.

Deer Park, near Copenhagen, consisting of 4,200 acres, is the largest park in the world.

Perfumes first were employed only in religious services.

If love is blind, jealousy is an eye-opener.



Wheat Pool's Operations

Now Controls 55 Per Cent. Of The Grain In Western Canada

Although in operation for a period of only five years, the Canadian Wheat Pool controls 55 per cent. of the crop grown in the prairie provinces of Canada—Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

It owns and operates 1,435 country elevators out of a total of 5,042 in the prairie provinces and, in addition, owns a large percentage of the large terminal elevators at Port William, Port Arthur, Vancouver, Prince Rupert and other points. The Pool has taken a leading part in helping to open up markets for Canadian grain in China and Japan and other countries, and has placed its handlings in over 60 different ports in Europe.

Recipes For This Week

(By Betty Barclay)

PUMPKIN PIE

- 1 cup steamed pie pumpkin.
- 1/2 teaspoon salt.
- 1/2 teaspoon cloves.
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon.
- 3 eggs.
- 1 cup canned sweetened condensed milk.
- 1 cup water.
- Unbaked pie crust.

Mix ingredients in the order given; pour into pan lined with unbaked pie crust. Bake in a hot oven (450 degrees Fahrenheit) for about ten minutes, then reduce the temperature to moderate (350 degrees Fahrenheit), and bake for about thirty-five additional minutes, or until the filling has set.

May Have Started Something

Nebraska Fox Farmers Suing Airplane Company For Killing Foxes With Noise

Mail "planes roared a few hundred feet over a Nebraska fox farm. Down below, scores of foxes covered in terror. Fifty-sets of for about ten minutes, then reduce the temperature to moderate (350 degrees Fahrenheit), and bake for about thirty-five additional minutes, or until the filling has set.

Most of the noise caused by aeroplanes, and other things, is unnecessary. If it kills foxes, it must have a harmful effect on the health of citizens, who are, after all, almost as valuable. We are not "picking on" the aeroplane in particular; it is no worse than a dozen other noise-makers.

Some time or other, civilization must tackle the noise problem and solve it. Just now seems as good a time as any to start—Vancouver Sun.

Alberta Turkeys

High standards for turkeys are being maintained by the Alberta Bronze Turkey Association, it was reported at a meeting of the Association in Calgary the other day. The average weight of turkeys before the advent of the Association was 10 pounds. Now it is 12 pounds.

New Kind Of Frog

Have you ever heard of "estimating frogs"? Well, Captain Jenks, well known Australian naturalist, says there are such animals in his country. These "estimating frogs" he says know when to expect droughts and they prepare by drinking enough water to outlast a dry season.

The Trans-Siberian railroad is 1,078 miles long.

Nearly one-eighth of the surface of Sweden is covered with lakes.

Corns

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PUTNAM'S Corn Extractor

With an increase of 8,000 last year and an increase of 67,000 during the period 1921 to 1929, the population of British Columbia is placed at 591,000.

Vision Was Prophetic

Ancient Greek Scientist Foretold Facts Now Known About Atom

Harry B. Smith, in Scribner's: The greyhound imagination of the Greeks pictured the atom, the ultimate particle of matter, smaller than anything that human eye can see. Almost 300 years ago, the greyhound imagination of Pascal saw a vision of what was within the atom:

"Consider the last least object (the atom) at which he (the scientist) can arrive. Perhaps he will think that it is the limit of littleness in Nature. But I will show him with this a new abyss. I will point for him not only the visible universe, but all the immensity of Nature that one can conceive within the bounds of this epitome of an atom. He may see an infinity of universes, each with its firmament, its planets, its earth, in the same proportions as in the visible world."

In the light of the revelations of the last 25 years, Pascal's vision is indeed remarkable. Overdrawn though it undoubtedly is in some respects, there is more than a germ of truth within it, and the last phrase in particular is strikingly prophetic.

We know today the proton and the electron and how in the hydrogen atom the latter revolves about the ponderable, formerly very much as a planet about the sun. We know, too, that the heavier elements are composed of atoms having a nucleus made up of protons and electrons, while outer electrons in orbits like planets and comets revolve about this massive centre.

Today the greyhound imagination of a Rutherford is leaping the barrier of the complex atomic nucleus, while the picks and spades and battering rams of his associates are opening for us a breach into the very citadel of the atom. Here we are dealing with the limit of smallness to which the human mind has attained.

Old Age and Unemployment

American Workers Dyeing Their Hair In Order To Hold Jobs

Growing fear of losing their jobs because of appearing old has become such an obsession with American workers that they are even taking to dyeing their hair when the first streak of gray appears. Governor Roosevelt's commission on old age security was told at Rochester.

"Women are afraid to dress fittingly and maturely for fear they will be considered old and lose their jobs," said one witness. "Is it true that men are laid off when they reach fifty?" "Not every one. If he is financially interested or has reached an executive position, he may stay on. But the average worker, day or piece work, is on the tobbogan at fifty. He may be in his prime, physically and mentally, but the young executive who employs him does not think so."

Mementoes Of James Watt

Contents Of Garret Workshop Are In Kensington Museum

James Watt, the famous mechanical inventor and civil engineer, was born at Greenock, Scotland, in 1736, and died in Birmingham, Eng., in 1819. It is not generally known that the contents of his garret workshop are in the Science Museum at South Kensington, London, England. The garret was used by Watt in his house in Birmingham, and was shut up for thirty years after his death. Various descriptions of the opening of the garret, in 1853, are given in a pamphlet issued by the Museum. Samuel Smiles, who was one of the party, recorded that "the ashes of the last fire were in the grate, the last bit of coal was in the scuttle. Many objects lay about or in the drawers, indicating the pursuits which had been interrupted by death. On the shelves are minerals and chemicals in pots, and jars, on which the dust of nearly half a century has settled. The moist substances have long since dried up, the putty has been turned to stone and the paste to dust. On the shelf we came across a dish in which lies a bunch of withered grapes."

That Was Different

Sir Reginald Bacon felt a good story about a man who was being questioned by the committee charged with selecting midshipmen.

The chairman said, "Well, my boy, can you give us any example of the sagacity of animals?" The boy looked uncomfortable and blushed. Whereupon the Admiral said: "Horses, dogs and cats—have you ever known them to do clever things?" "Oh, animals, sir," said the boy. "I thought you said 'Admirals!'"

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Ring out the grief that saps the mind. For those that here we see no more. Manitoba needs a children's sanatorium. We have plans all ready, but—

Ring in the valiant man and free. The larger heart, the knicker hand. 100 Christmas Bells, on 100 Christmas Letters, into 100 Homes. All For One Dollar. For Better Health—In Manitoba. Set the Christmas Bells A-Ringing.

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The Singing Fool

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SYNOPSIS

Al Stone, singing waiter at Blackie Joe's New York night club, is loved by Grace Farrell, the cigarette girl, but he doesn't know it. He marries Molly Winton, a ballad singer, and wins fame as a composer of popular songs. When their baby, Junior, is about two years old, Molly elopes with John Perry, Al's best friend. She and Perry take the child Al adores and sail for France. Al, completely broken by the loss, disappears from Broadway and becomes a derelict. One day Grace Farrell sees him on the street, but he runs away. Grace starts a search for him, which ends in failure. But the image of Grace remains vividly in Al's mind.

CHAPTER XXIII

Something of Al's old generous spirit toward Grace returned as he thought of her. How concerned her expression had been yesterday as she stared at him from across the street. Yet his feeling toward her was not strong enough to overcome the resistance of his desire to separate himself from the old life.

In spite of all that, however, the memory of her face remained in his mind. Perhaps it was this memory that brought him up sharply about three o'clock one morning before a house that seemed strangely familiar. Surely he knew these outside steps and that entrance. It was Blackie Joe's place.

Slowly, scarcely knowing what he was doing, Al mounted the shabby stairs toward the little gleam of light he saw at the top. Yes, he was sure of the place now; an intense longing possessed him to see the inside of the old familiar place where he had won his earliest triumphs. Only a few years had passed since those happy-go-lucky nights, but the time seemed like a century.

He stopped before the heavy, bolted door. It was a new door, much stronger than the one Al had known. The many raids of the prohibition agents had forced Blackie to take additional precautions; his place was better guarded now.

Al knocked against the panel set high in the door and presently it opened. A strange face gazed at him; and the eyes became more suspicious every moment, as their owner looked him up and down, noting his dilapidated clothes.

"Is Blackie Joe here?"

"Who wants to know?" asked the guard curly.

"I do. I know him."

"There was a pause, then: 'G'wan, beat it! He's got no time for the likes of you!'"

The panel closed with a slam. Al, nodding listlessly, began to descend the stairs. He shrugged his shoulders—it didn't matter.

Inside, Blackie had been standing fairly near the door. "Who wants

me?" he called, after the aperture was closed.

"Oh, just some bum," said the door-keeper scornfully.

Blackie nodded and turned to look over his dance floor. But as he did so there was a faint stir of curiosity in his mind. A bum—well, what did the bum want?

He walked over to the door and pulled open the panel. At the foot of the stairs, clearly silhouetted against the light, he saw a familiar face.

At first Blackie did not recognize the figure at the foot of the night club stairs as Al Stone, his old singing waiter. But the familiarity of the profile was striking enough to make Blackie throw open the door and call, "Hey—you!"

At that, Al turned, so that his face was illuminated by the light at the head of the stairs. Now Blackie was sure—he came rubbing down the stairs to wring Al's hand.

"Hello there, kid!" Blackie almost shouted in his delight. "We've been wondering where you were. And to think—I almost let you get away."

Al stared into the face of his former boss, smiling faintly. It seemed as if Blackie would never relinquish that vigorous grip on his hand. A thrill of pleasure shot through Al—it was good to see someone at last who was really glad to see him, who beamed on him in the most friendly way imaginable. That hadn't happened to Al for months. He glanced away to hide his embarrassment at his shabby appearance.

Then Blackie linked his strong arm within Al's and led the young man upstairs, talking as he went.

"You know, Al, this is a big moment for us all. I want you to come in and meet the performers—some of them you know. And Grace is still with us—remember her?"

Al nodded, but said nothing. Blackie saw he was dealing with a man who was not only bewildered, but had definitely lost his gift for carrying on in the battle of life. The arm inside Al's coat sleeve was limp.

As they stepped inside the door-keeper stared in amazement, to see his well-dressed employer walking arm-in-arm with this bum. What on earth did it mean?

It was well on toward daylight and only a few customers remained in the main dining-and-dancing room.

"Come back to my office," suggested Blackie. "We'll have a good talk."

But Al stopped, scanning the familiar room as if he expected to find the ghosts of his former triumphs there. His eyes took on the look of concentration that is habitual with men who try to escape the world and commune only with themselves.

He forgot that Blackie was standing beside him, looking solicitously into his face. . . . Yes, there was the table where Molly and Marcus and the others sat on the night he sang "Always" to Molly. There was the old door leading to the bar. The floor show had ended, but the orchestra was playing and a few couples were dancing.

"Come," repeated Blackie, and Al followed him toward the private office.

They sat down, facing each other. "Have a cigar, have a drink?" suggested the night club owner; but Al shook his head. Then Blackie began again:

"Now, boy, I wish you'd tell me all about it. What happened to you—where have you been hiding out all these months?"

"Oh, here and there—just wandering about," Al replied noncommittally.

"Yes, I know that. But do you know that Marcus has been after you? And a couple of song publishers have been paying you all over town."

"Yes, I know it, came the strangely passive answer. 'I'm not interested in all that. I told Marcus I was through and I meant it. I really don't know why I came here tonight—just happened to look up and saw your entrance. Couldn't stay away from the old place forever, I suppose.'"

A hopeless feeling stole over

Blackie. This was just the shell of the old Al. Blackie felt how strong that apparently listless resistance of his would be to any come-back. Nevertheless, he leaned forward and said earnestly:

"Al, you don't have to tell me how you feel—I know. It may seem strange to you, but I was knocked out once myself, in the same way, by a woman. For a while I thought there was no use living; then the day came when someone gave me a good stiff talking to. I decided to fight my way up again, and I did. I decided I wouldn't let one blow put me down for the count!"

"Blackie, the reformer," murmured Al. An expression somewhere between a smile and a sneer curved the corners of his eyes.

Blackie leaned back in his chair, hurt, but determined not to show it. In the old days Al could never have made a sardonic and bitter rejoinder like that.

"Do you still love Molly?" Blackie asked incredulously.

"No!" The sharp denial was the first show of Al's old self. Blackie nodded in approval. Then Al seemed to think that some further explanation was needed. "She'd got me and first I had to clear her out of my mind. I did that—then I tried to write. But I found I couldn't get interested. 'It was no use.'"

Just then a waiter stuck his head in the door and told Blackie a customer wanted to speak to him. Blackie rose.

"Excuse me a minute, Al. Make yourself at home—I'll be right back."

(To Be Continued.)

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One Detector Located New Body and Furnished Work For Discharged Miners

The practical ways in which science helps working people is demonstrated again in England. A lead mine in Derbyshire had "pettered out." Two young schoolmasters invented an ore detector, just about the time a hundred miners had been discharged. With the detector they located a new lead-ore body, 1,000 feet under the surface. They figured it was worth about \$20,000. The mine owners, having faith in science, put the miners back to work again, located the ore body through a tunnel and now the mine is working full blast. Politicians continually promise miracles to help working folk. Science performs the miracles.—Vancouver Sun.

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Old Eskimo Culture

Thousands Of Wonderful Specimens Found In Northern Alaska

Another chapter in present-day knowledge of a "golden age" of Eskimo culture, more than a thousand years old but newly discovered, has been added by Henry B. Collins, Jr., Smithsonian scientist, on his return from a five-month exploration of Northern Alaska. Buried in an artificial "mesa" of refuse, but up 20 feet in the centuries of existence of a thriving village in the south east end of St. Lawrence Island, he found rich material of the most ancient and highly developed Eskimo culture known.

Thousands of specimens of ivory and bone implements, weapons, ornaments, pottery, and wooden artifacts were also found. Centuries ago a village had been reared on the flat tundra of the beach, he said, and as kitchen refuse accumulated, old dwellings were abandoned and new ones raised on the artificial foundation.

How long the process kept up no one knows. The "mesa," now frozen solidly for its total depth, grew higher until, in 1875 and 1879, famine and epidemic wiped out the native population.

Through the 20-foot layer the scientist traced the old culture, an art discovered in 1926 by Dr. Ales Hrdlicka, noted Smithsonian anthropologist, and Diamond Jenness, of the National Museum of Canada.

Implements and ornaments are distinguished by graceful, sweeping lines of decoration, an art that makes modern Eskimo work mechanical in comparison. Some objects are so old that their use is unknown to the present-day native. "It is a peculiar and rich culture," Collins said, "strange because the farther back we drive, the richer it gets. Modern Eskimo art, in contrast, is a degenerated state."

"The ancient materials suggest strongly that the original home of all Eskimo culture lies in the west, in Alaska or northeastern Siberia. The culture is distinctly older than the oldest found in Canada and Greenland, a significant fact. 'We are after the ultimate origin of the ancient art. There is no explanation of its fading out, except perhaps the introduction of the use of iron, with which the later and more mechanical ornamentation has been fashioned.'"

Some Human Ostriches

People Have Earned Living By Swallowing All Kinds Of Articles

There are on record amazing feats of people who can swallow almost anything with absolute impunity, who glory in it, make a mania of it, and some who even earn a livelihood by it.

A Stratford, England, telegraph operator died some years ago in the Essex County Lunatic Asylum from asphyxia. He had swallowed stones, grass, leaves, wood, and scrap-iron. Even more voracious was the individual who died at the London Hospital at a later date, and who gloried in the title of "The Champion Ostrich."

He had in him forty pieces of cork, thirty pieces of tin foil, nine pennies, one iron ring, three pieces of leather, a leather strap, 9 inches long, 12 inches of string, with bits of cork attached, and an immense quantity of odd lengths of string, cotton, and paper. Another human ostrich made his stomach a veritable dust-bin by consuming over two pounds of broken lamp chimneys, nails, tacks, screws, and tumblers.

Could Well Believe It

An old lady, up from the country, stood in a busy thoroughfare, looking at the ceaseless stream of traffic, then at the notice, "Pedestrians cross here."

"Humph!" she was heard to mutter; "and I shouldn't blame 'em if they were downright angry."

She: "What would you do if I should cry?"

He: "Hang out a sign, 'Wet Paint.'"

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Long Lived War Leaders

Four Who Bore Heavy Burdens Have Become Octogenarians

For months before his death Stresemann was a man broken in health, anxiously watched by relatives, friends and physicians, kept to a rigid diet, sent to bed early—he was an invalid, indeed, ere he had reached his fiftieth birthday. Hindenburg, on the other hand, celebrated his eighty-second birthday, which fell on the day before Stresemann died, by going on a hunting trip, which was cut short by the Minister's death.

Ten years of peace killed Gustav Stresemann; three wars—one the most terrible in history, in which he was the supreme leader on one side—have proved insufficient to lay Paul von Hindenburg low. Can it be that we have heard far too much about the terrors of war, far too little about those of peace? It would seem so—at least in so far as the longevity of war leaders is concerned.

Today, fifteen years after the outbreak of the World War, and eleven years since its close, there are four men who can proudly boast that, despite having borne heavy burdens of leadership between 1914 and 1918, they have nevertheless become octogenarians. Hindenburg is one of the others, two are military men, Joffre and Mackensen—and the other a civilian who was at the head of his country's war-time government at a time of acute crisis—Georges Clemenceau.

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Steam issuing from fissures in the earth near the main crater of Mount Etna will be used this winter to supply the central heating plant of the volcanological observatory on the higher slopes of the mountain. Professor Gaetano Ponte, director of the Etna observatory, said.

A Timely Question

The Lethbridge Herald asks: "How shall we address women senators? Will it be Mrs. Senator Smith or Senator Mrs. Smith, or just plain Senator Smith?"

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Christmas Giving

No one knows better than the Store in your Community under what difficulties that Community is this year operating.

Knowing that everyone wishes to do something no matter if small, to keep up the Christmas traditions, and also knowing the handicap under which this year it must be done. This Store has done its utmost that we may show you a nice selection of Useful Gifts that will enable everyone to do some Christmas giving and still not make the giving a burden.

We believe we have to show you a lot of Really Nice Things which may be purchased for very little. We have done our best to help to make them as reasonable as possible, and would like you to call and see how many things you may really buy for your Dollar.

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Main Street

Mr. S. Johnson was in Edmonton on business Wednesday.

Another disastrous fire occurred in Edmonton on Thursday.

The Crescent Hill School Christmas Concert will be held on Monday, December 23rd at eight o'clock.

Five per cent Penalty is added to all Taxes remaining unpaid after December 16th.

Irma Ladies Aid will meet at the home of Mrs. Schonert next Thursday afternoon.

Miss T. Morse left Tuesday for her home in Michigan after spending a month with her parents in the Roseberry district.

Most of the members of Irma Masonic Lodge attended meeting at Wainwright Monday afternoon and evening.

Sunday Mr. Geeson lost the crank for his Chevrolet car somewhere by Irma, Ross, Alma Mater or Roseberry. Anyone finding it will confer a favor by returning it to the Manor.

The weather during the past week has been very mild and cars are running in all parts of the district. Thursday afternoon it looked as if a storm was forming.

Mr. M. A. Murray, teller in the local branch of the Bank of Montreal has been promoted and transferred to the Edmonton branch of the Bank. Mr. E. Mulholland, of Lethbridge, has been transferred to Irma.

A bridge and whist party will be held in the Masonic hall, Monday night Dec. 9th at 8 p.m. under the auspices of the Order of Eastern Star. Four good prizes are being given and everybody will be welcome. A charge of 50c will be made.

F. Coe of the Jarrow District had the misfortune on Thursday last of losing four cows by drowning while they were trying to cross the lake.

The ice broke and they floundered around in the cold water until exhausted.

Practically every resident member of the Irma Lodge No. 56 I.O.O.F. attended Lodge on Tuesday night December 3rd to partake in the Initiatory ceremonies on a Candidate. The Lodge was also very fortunate in having a surprise visit from a Grand Lodge Officer, Bro. Dave Wilson, P.G.M. After Lodge a dainty but plentiful lunch was served in the Lodge Room.

The local stores are making extensive preparations to take care of the holiday trade, and judging from the excellent stocks now being unpacked and displayed, local shoppers will have a wide range to select from. Useful and practical gifts for Christmas are being stressed. Fruits, nuts, candies, and Christmas groceries and supplies are well stocked. Watch the ads for shopping news in the local ads.

CRESCENT HILL SCHOOL

REPORT FOR NOVEMBER

Grade IX.—Leona Frye, average 78, Myrtle Fitzpatrick 77, Mabel Enger 76, Edith Fitzpatrick 70.
Grade VI.—Clara Enger 82.
Grade V.—Sarah Fitzpatrick 79, Hazel Dabels 77, Paul Dabels 68.
Grade IV.—Hubert Frye 91.
Grade III.—Arthur Frye 94, Eric Steele 82.50, William Steele 79.
Grade II.—Elsie Dabels 96, Ted Dabels 96.68.
Grade I.—Gordon Fitzpatrick 99, Stella Steele 96, Awilda Fitzpatrick 95, Anna Wood, absent.
A. G. Miles, Teacher.

NOTICE

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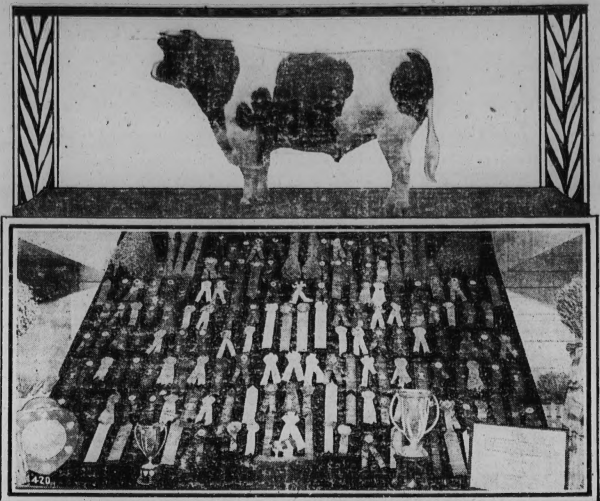
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Here are some of the 179 first prizes and 73 championships and reserve championships won by the Strathmore Farm herd on the prairie and coast show circuits during the current and last year. The Strathmore show herd of fifteen Holsteins won 100 first prizes at 8 major exhibitions in 1928 and 79 firsts in 1929. The herd at lower left was won by a carload of calves from the Canadian Pacific farm at Chin, Alberta in 1928. The large cup, right, was won at the Calgary spring show for the best purebred Aberdeen Angus heifer. Diploma at right was won by the Holstein bull Strathmore McKinley Fairchild Wayne at grand champion in 1928. He is shown above and he went through all western fairs without a defeat from 1927 to date. He was Grand Champion at the three coast fairs and also at Saskatoon. The Canadian Pacific Railway thus owns one of the finest, if not the finest, herd of cattle in Canada. The company has done a great work in improving the breed of cattle throughout the West.

Welcomed at McGill



On the occasion of his visit to Montreal, Great Britain's Premier, Right Hon. J. Ramsay MacDonald, received the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws at the hands of E. W. Beatty, K.C., Chancellor of McGill University. Mr. MacDonald and Mr. Beatty are seen in the above photograph as they were drawn through the campus of McGill by the enthusiastic students. On the box-seat is Max Ford, the students' cheer-leader.

Was Honored for Service to Royalty

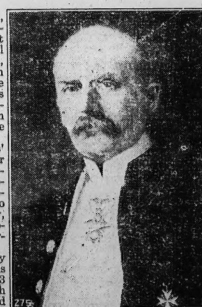
Walter Reginald Baker, C.V.O., former secretary of the Canadian Pacific Railway and the last surviving member of the original traffic organization of the line, died on April 1, at his home in Montreal. Mr. Baker entered the service of the C.P.R. two days after the organization of the company in 1881 and retired at his own request on January 1, 1917. He was in his 74th year.

During his thirty-five years' service with the C.P.R., Mr. Baker was assistant to the general superintendent, assistant to the president, assistant to the vice-president, and secretary. Previous to his association with the railway, he was private secretary and comptroller to Lord Dufferin, Governor-General, 1874-78.

Born in York, England, on May 25, 1852, Mr. Baker came to this country alone at the age of 13 years. The boy began to establish a career for himself early, and after passing through several stages of progress towards success, found himself, at the age of 22, private secretary of His Majesty's representative in the Dominion. Later he became attached to the Treasury Department and was assistant secretary of the Treasury Board at Ottawa just before the C.P.R. was organized.

In the historical organization of the railroad, Mr. Baker was one of the principal actors. Before he died, the former secretary put down on paper, as the last surviving member of the original group, just what were the circumstances surrounding the beginnings of the great company's organization. The company was formed on February 15, 1881, and the organization meeting of the board of directors was held two days later. Charles Drinkwater was named secretary of the company, the first officer to be appointed, according to the account of the historical event as related by Mr. Baker.

Mr. Baker's Story
Donald Smith, later first vice-president of the company, was a member of the "Syndicate" which had planned the organization of the C.P.R. He had made a promise to Mr. Baker some time before that, if the "Canadian Pacific Railway venture" came to anything, he would "remember him."



Late W. R. Baker, C.V.O.

In his account of the matter, Mr. Baker recounts that "the matter had passed out of my mind" when on the night of February 15, 1881, he received a message from Mr. McIntyre. "I was busy late at night in my office in the Eastern Block at Ottawa, preparing the estimates for Parliament, when a boy walked in with a telegram," Mr. Baker related.

Following the instructions contained in the message, Mr. Baker went to the "Bank cottage"—the little house attached to the Bank of Montreal for the use of members visiting Ottawa—and there met the little group of great builders of the great road.

There seated at a table were Donald Smith, later Lord Strathcona; George Stephen, later Lord Mount Stephen; R. B. Angus and Duncan McIntyre. The upshot of his interview with these historic figures was that he went to Winnipeg with A. B. Stickney, general superintendent of the C.P.R. western division, as accountant on construction, and auditor of operation. "The salary was 50 per cent. less than I was getting in the civil service," Mr. Baker explains.

In his autobiographical account, "so, I said at once I will go wherever you want me to go."

On the way to Winnipeg there were short stops at Chicago and St. Paul, where Mr. Baker had an opportunity of looking into the American system of railway accounts. A special train took the party to Winnipeg. Those with Mr. Baker were: A. B. Stickney, general superintendent, William Harder, assistant traffic manager, Joel May, superintendent, and F. C. Butler, master mechanic. "This party was the original traffic organization of the Canadian Pacific Railway," Mr. Baker recorded. "Before we arrived at Winnipeg," he continued, "Mr. Stickney decided that he wanted me to act as his assistant and I was accordingly appointed to the position of assistant to the general superintendent."

Various Appointments

In Winnipeg, Mr. Baker held several positions successively in the C.P.R. He was purchasing agent, assistant to general manager, local treasurer, assistant to general superintendent, executive agent and filled several other positions. He was also connected with the Manitoba and North West Railway. In 1901 he left Winnipeg for Montreal. On that occasion he was presented with a solid silver service by the business community of the western city.

During his connection with the railway, Mr. Baker came into contact with several royal personages. He was in charge of the royal train over the C.P.R. lines during the several visits of the Prince and Princess of Wales, now the reigning monarchs; Prince Arthur of Connaught, and Prince Pushimi. In return for his services to these royal visitors he was presented with several testimonials and received several titles. Among his titles were: Commander of the Royal Victorian Order, Commander of the Order of the Sacred Treasure of Japan, Esquire of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, and Freeman of the City of York.

He held audiences with Their Majesties King George and Queen Mary at Buckingham Palace in 1911.